



HAWAII STATE  
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OF HEALTH

## Ten Tips for preventing or controlling mice on your property

1. Keep rodents outside by sealing cracks and openings in building foundations and sealing holes in walls around sewer and water pipes.
2. Use gnaw proof materials such as sheet metal, cement mortar, and mesh metal screen to close gaps greater than ¼ inch.
3. Ceiling vent holes should also be screened. Doors, windows and screens should be tight-fitting.
4. Caulk and screen dryer, kitchen and bathroom vents.
5. Use snap traps. Glue traps are also effective but will not work in dusty or wet areas. Check traps daily and remove dead mice quickly (seal them in a plastic bag or container and discard).
6. Traps work best when garbage is placed in garbage cans with tight fitting lids and pet food is removed from the area.
7. Follow label directions when using baits and use tamper-resistant bait stations.
8. Clear up cluttered areas outside around your home where mice can nest such as piles of leaves or old newspapers.
9. Clean up pet food containers regularly to avoid providing a food source for rodents and other pests.
10. Maintain bird feeders and clean dog pens to prevent attracting mice.

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